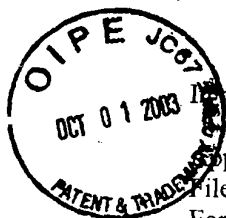


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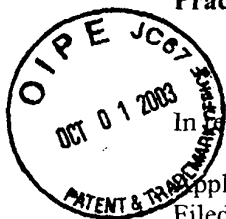
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:

- i. Payment of the issue fee

Prior to payment of issue fee.

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ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

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FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 770.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	16	—	20	= 0 x \$	18.00	= \$	0.00
INDEP.	4	—	4	= 0 x \$	86.00	= \$	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$	290.00	= \$	0.00
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) **EL 967947643** \$770.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d)) \$0.00

Total Fee(s) Due: \$770.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

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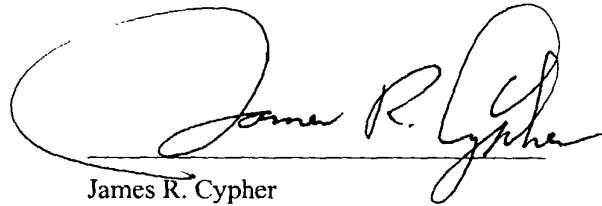
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INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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